

Appln. No. 10/761,370
Amdt. dated January 31, 2007
Reply to Office action of October 31, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include the deletion of Figures 10A and 10B and the appropriately renumbered figures following deleted Figures 10A and 10B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. No claim is allowed. Claims 1 and 17-19 presently appear in this application (with claims 17 and 19 only being objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim) and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

The drawings/figures have been objected to because the examiner states that tables and sequence listings included in the specification must not be duplicated in the drawings. The examiner suggests that the specification should be amended to delete any Figures which consist only of nucleic acid or protein sequences which have been submitted in their entirety in computer readable format (i.e., as SEQ ID NOs:) and should further amend the specification accordingly to reflect the replacement of the Figure by the appropriate SEQ ID NO.

Appropriate correction is made to the specification and the drawings to delete Figured 10A-10B and reference to Figures 10A-10B and to appropriately renumber the figures following Figures 10A-10B.

Insofar as Figures 1-3 are concerned, these figures have notations that indicate more than what is presented in the sequence listing and therefore, Figures 1-3 are not subject to this objection.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is obviated by the amendment to claim 1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is obviated by the amendment to claim 18.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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